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PRIOR ART STATEMENT

Enclosed is the application of Joseph C. Hurlburt for United States Letters Patent for an ALL WHEEL DRIVE UTILITY VEHICLE WITH BOGEY BEAM SUSPENSION.

The prior art listed below, copies of which are enclosed, is the closest prior art of which I am aware.

3,183,991	5/18/65	Gamaunt
4,706,770	11/17/87	Simon
6,536,545	3/25/03	Hurlburt
6,557,661	5/6/03	Hurlburt
6,601,665	8/5/03	Hurlburt

Gamaunt discloses a four wheeled vehicle with a rear extension single axle vehicle. All three axle shafts are driven, with the middle and rear axles rotatable about the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and the rear axle also pivoting in the vertical plane.

Simon discloses a five wheel vehicle with the unsuspended rear and middle axles interconnected by chains and the middle axle including a differential.

Hurlburt ('545 and '665) describe the structure and operation of a bogey beam suspension for a six wheeled utility vehicle that has its rear axle driven, and a chain drive delivering power to the middle axle.

Hurlburt ('661) describes the structure and operation of a bogey beam suspension for a four wheeled utility vehicle that has only its rear axle driven.

Respectfully submitted.



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